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FOR AF-ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MOBUTU PROPOSES SENDING EMISSARY TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA INFORMED ME JULY 9 THAT MOBUTU HAS ASKED HIM TO VISIT WASHINGTON AS PERSONAL EMISSARY TO PRESIDENT CARTER. NGUZA SIAD PURPOSE OF PROPOSED MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT IS (A) TO CONVEY APPRECIATION FOR US ASSISTANCE DURING RECENT SHABA INVASION, AND (B) TO EXPLAIN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ZAIRE. NGUZA PROPOSES MAKING TRIP DURING

PERIOD JULY 27-30 (FOLLOWING WHICH HE MUST BE IN EUROPE FOR URGENT MEDICAL TREATMENT. HE WISHES TO MEET ALSO WITH KEY OFFICIALS IN DEPARTMENT AND CONGRESS, BUT MADE CLEAR THAT CALL ON PRESIDENT CARTER WAS EXPLICIT PURPOSE OF TRIP.

2. COMMENT: MOBUTU HIMSELF HAS VISITED NUMBER OF EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN STATES IN THE WAKE OF SHABA AND WILL SHORTLY VISIT EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA AND PROBABLY OTHERS WHO ACTIVELY SUPPORTED ZAIRE'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT HE WOULD NOW LIKE TO MAKE A SIMILAR VISIT TO THE US-- THE COUNTRY, HAS POINTEDLY NOTED, WHICH HAS GIVEN ZAIRE THE MOST MATERIAL ASSISTANCE. I HAVE OF COURSE GIVEN MOBUTU NO ENCOURAGEMENT ALONG THIS LINE, AND I BLEIEVE HIS DICISION TO SEND NGUZA
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INSTEAD REFLECT AN UNDERSTANDING OF SOME OF OUR POLITICAL REALITIES. NEVERTHELESS, HAVING BEEN SO WARMLY RECEIVED HIMSELF BY THE FRENCH, BELGIANS AND ZAIRE'S OTHER FRIENDS, MOBUTU WOULD PROBABLY VIEW ANY RELUCTANCE ON OUR PART TO RECEIVE HIS EMISSARY AS A REBUFF TO HIS RECENT EFFORTS TO COOPERATE IN PUTTING OUR RELATIONS BACK ON A BETTER FOOTING.

3. AFTER NARROWLY ESCAPING DISASTER, MOBUTU HAS EMERGED FROM THE SHABA CRISIS IN A STRONGER POLITICAL POSITION, BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, THAN BEFORE IT STARTED. HE HAS NOW PUBLICLY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO SWEEPING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY REFORMS WHICH, IF IMPLEMENTED, COULD SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS THAT HAVE TROUBLED THIS COUNTRY AND OUR OWN RELATIONS WITH IT. MOBUTU'S TASK WILL BE A DIFFICULT ONE, AND I BELIEVE THAT SO LONG AS HE STAYS THE COURSE WE SHOULD LEND HIM OUR ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT. IN THIS CONTEXT, PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE FOLLOWING MOBUTU'S JULY 1 SPEECH WAS MOST USEFUL FIRST STEP. IT IS IN THIS SAME CONTEXT OF MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM FOR REFORM THAT I STRONGLY RECOMMEND I BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM NGUZA SOONEST THAT WE WELCOME HIM IN WASHINGTON AND THAT, WHILE THERE, HE WILL BE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT CARTER.

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